

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Eleventh Council**

**Call to order**

A Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the City Hall Council Chambers, 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, MI 48342 on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:14 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Minister Garrett, Pontiac Michigan

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – William Carrington, Mikal Goodman, Kathalee James, Mike McGuinness, Brett Nicholson, William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.

Deputy Mayor Stephens was present.

A quorum was announced.

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford. Discussion.

**Motion to remove item #2 (Resolution Recognizing Friends of the Clinton River Trail on Trail Renovation Project Efforts) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and Goodman

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended.**

Ayes: Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

22-238 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for September 6, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for September 6, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for September 6, 2022 including August 22, 2022 Parks, Recreation and Public Works Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2022 Law and the Courts Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2022 Facilities and Property

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Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2022 Communications, Engagement and Operations  
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 30, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman and James

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Recognition of Elected Officials** – None

### **Agenda Address**

1. Chuck Johnson addressed item #8
2. Gloria Miller addressed items #8 & #9

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Resolutions**

City Council

22-239

**Resolution Recognizing September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as Hispanic Heritage Month.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, from September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

Whereas, federal Census figures estimate the Hispanic population living in the fifty states at more than 60,000,000 people, plus an additional 3,200,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans 18.5 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and,

Whereas, figures from the 2020 Census show that the 564,422 Hispanic and Latin American residents in Michigan make up 5.6% of the state's population and 19.1% of Pontiac's population, respectively; and,

Whereas, the Hispanic and Latin American community in the United States has made many important advances in the area of law, business, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, innovation, and exploration; and,

Whereas, Hispanics and Latin Americans have provided Michigan and the United States with unique social and cultural influences, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our state and nation; and,

Whereas, Pontiac and Michigan are fortunate to count among its population a large number of residents of Hispanic and Latin American descent, who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our economy, create jobs, build neighborhoods, enhance a sense of community, and contribute to our daily lives; and,

Whereas, during this month, Michigan's Hispanic and Latin American community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a series of special events featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art, celebrating the rich traditions and many contributions this community has made to the State of Michigan; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby recognizes September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Pontiac; and further

Resolved, on behalf of the entire Pontiac community, the City Council appreciates and honors the countless achievements of Hispanic and Latin Americans and will continue our efforts to ensure our community and our state is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides just and equal opportunities for all; and further

Resolved, the City Council acknowledges, respects, and celebrates the integral role of the Hispanic and Latin American community in our economy, culture, and identity of the United States and our home of Pontiac, Michigan; and further

Resolved, we encourage our citizens, organizations, and businesses of Pontiac to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities to celebrate our Hispanic and Latin American neighbors and the contributions of the Hispanic and Latin American community.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James and McGuinness  
No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-240 **Resolution expressing to the School District of the City of Pontiac the City's expectation for Direct Sheriff – School District Contract for future Police School Liaison Officer Positions.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council is considering the approval of Police School liaison Officer positions with the Oakland County Sheriff Department to benefit the School District of the City of Pontiac for the coming school year; and

Whereas, the intention is for future school years' Police School Liaison Officers be handled directly between the School District and the Oakland County Sheriff Department, and we want to provide ample time for both parties to plan accordingly for next year; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby expresses to the School District of the City of Pontiac our intention for the School District and the Oakland County Sheriff Department to directly contract for Police School liaison Officer Positions for future years.

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, McGuinness and Nicholson  
No:

**Resolution Passed**

Councilwoman James was absent during the vote.

Finance

22-241 **Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Receiving Revenues in the amount of \$80,000 to the General Fund account 101-000-674-000 – Contribution from Public and \$70,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000 Contribution from Public, and Appropriations in the amount of \$12,500 to account 101-228-702-000 Salaries and Wages, \$37,500 to account 101-228-818-000 Other Professional Services, \$30,000 to account 101-228-731-000 Computer Supplies, and \$70,000 to account 101-733-818-000 Other Professional Services.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of upgrading the City of Pontiac's current data management system and digital workspace to Office 365; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of current processes and procedures, development of standard operating procedures and workflows, development of training materials, development of organizational chart and job descriptions, and a compilation of all of the aforementioned to support a Process Improvement Plan for the City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$150,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$150,000, representing grant expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the increased appropriations will not cause the fund balance in the General Fund to go below the policy mandated thresholds; and

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget as requested by the Administration receiving revenues in the amount \$80,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000-Contribution from Public and \$70,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000 Contribution from Public, and appropriations in the amount of \$12,500 to account 101-228-702-000 Salaries and Wages, \$37,500 to account 101-228-818-000 Other Professional Services, \$30,000 to account 101-228-731-001 Computer Supplies, and \$70,000 to account 101-733-818-000 Other Professional Services.

Ayes: Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Councilwoman James was absent during the vote

Grants

22-242           **Resolution to approve the Acceptance of In-kind Technical Assistance from Third Eye Network & Equitable Cities Consulting Funded by the Pontiac Funders Collaborative and Authorize the Mayor to execute the Charter Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac desires to execute a charter agreement for in-kind technical assistance services from Third Eye Network & Equitable Cities Consulting, and;

WHEREAS, the cost of this in-kind service is provided by the Pontiac Funders Collaborative, and;

WHEREAS, the technical services provided will assist the City of Pontiac's leadership in developing a preliminary, high-level equitable economic and business development strategic framework, which also encompasses workforce development and employer priorities, and;

WHEREAS, the scope of this engagement includes strategic advisory services to the City's economic development team to guide the implementation of the strategic framework, and;

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to assist the City in shaping an integrated and strategic approach to achieving inclusive and sustainable growth in Pontiac.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the City of Pontiac's acceptance of in-kind technical assistance from Third Eye Network & Equitable Cities Consulting, funded by the Pontiac Funders Collaborative, and authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the charter agreement.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker and Rutherford

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Mayor's Office

22-237           **Resolution to approve the Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the School District of the City of Pontiac and the City of Pontiac and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the School District of the City of Pontiac desires to have an increased official law enforcement presence within the District and has approved the agreement with the City of Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, there is a one-time appropriation not to exceed \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office budget to address safety concerns by creating one (1) Deputy II position to be assigned to the School District of the City of Pontiac.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac sees a benefit in having an official law enforcement presence in the District; and,

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office finds the police school liaison officer program as a great benefit to all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council approves the Police-School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the Pontiac School district and the City of Pontiac and authorizes the Mayor to sign agreement as presented.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington

No: Goodman

**Resolution Passed**

Planning

22-243

**Resolution Authorizing the City to Formally Participate in Clinton River Watershed Council water Town Initiative.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, WaterTowns® is a water-oriented community development initiative designed to assist towns and cities within the Clinton River Watershed to leverage the assets of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair and to protect and improve water quality;

WHEREAS, the WaterTowns® initiative is managed by the Clinton River Watershed Council, an organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and celebrating the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair for the benefit of communities, the environment and our future.

WHEREAS, Pontiac recognizes the recreational and economic potential of its water resources;

WHEREAS, Pontiac desires to incorporate environmental best management practices as an integral part in community planning and development;

WHEREAS, Pontiac is located within the Clinton River Watershed, and is a member of the Clinton River Watershed Council;

WHEREAS, there is no financial commitment required to participate in the WaterTowns® initiative;

WHEREAS, Pontiac desires to collaborate with the Clinton River Watershed Council to develop and implement a local WaterTowns® strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Pontiac Mayor and Council declare Pontiac a participant in the WaterTowns® initiative.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

#### **Public Comment**

1. Veronica Taylor
2. Chuck Johnson
3. Renee Beckley
4. Billie Swazer
5. Robert Bass
6. Troy Craft
7. Pastor Kathy Desseuru
8. Gloria Miller
9. H. Bill Maxey

**Suspend the Rules**

**Motion to suspend the rules to move discussion item #9 (introducing Pontiac City Council's New Outreach Specialist, Mr. Darryl Earl) before item #8. (Closed Session to discuss Real Estate Strategy and Negotiations)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman and James

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion**

Introducing Pontiac City Council's New Outreach Specialist, Mr. Darryl Earl

**Closed Session**

**Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to consult the written legal opinion of Counsel by Michigan Open Meetings Act Section B (h), MCL 15.268 (h) to discuss Real Estate Strategy and Negotiations.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Carrington, Goodman, James and McGuinness

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Councilwoman Rutherford was absent during the vote

**Motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:58 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Discussions Continued**

Pontiac Acceptance into the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program

Pontiac Teenager Anthony Rodriguez Reported Missing

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Greimel, Councilwoman Rutherford, Councilman Nicholson, Councilman Goodman, Councilwoman James, Councilman Parker, Council President Pro-Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

**Motion Carried**

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Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk